

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 18, 2009

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular workshop session on this Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida, with the following members present to wit: Richard Hoffman, District No. 1; Douglas Gilpin, Vice Chairman, District No. 2; Don Burgess, District No. 3; Garry Breeden, Chairman, District No. 4; and Randy Mask, 2nd Vice Chairman, District No. 5. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Bradley Arnold, County Administrator; John Lege, Finance Director; Melissa Elliott, Deputy Clerk; and Connie Webb, Deputy Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Breeden.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. <u>Developer Opportunity to save money by partnering with Florida</u> <u>Department of Transportation - US27/441</u>

There was lengthy discussion on this matter. Jeremy Dilmore, District 5, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), was present on behalf of Secretary Downs. He explained the FDOT's position on this matter, the projected cost of the project to the developer (\$735,000), and the timeline for the project. Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, advised the Board that Sumter County is under no obligation to do any improvements on the portion of 27/441 being discussed. The Board discussed whether the County would want to front the money for the project and be reimbursed by the developer through some sort of agreement. After further discussion, the consensus was for Mr. Arnold to draft options for consideration at the last Board meeting in September.

081809-1

2. <u>Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority - Regional Framework</u> Resolution

There was lengthy discussion on this proposed resolution which included redrafting some of the language in the resolution. Jack Sullivan, Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority, was present to answer any questions. Bradley Arnold summarized Sumter County's position regarding water. Mr. Arnold will await the Board's direction when to place this Resolution on the agenda for consideration.

081809-2

3. Tourist Development Tax Guidelines

Vice Chairman Gilpin, whose is Chairman of the Tourist Development Council, discussed his concerns with current disbursements of tourist development taxes. There needs to be

more information from the recipients of these monies. After further discussion, the consensus of the Board was to require more information accountability with the addition of an after event evaluation. The Board will also consider lifting the current 90-day moratorium on disbursement of funds at the August 25, 2009 meeting.

081809-3

4. Regulation of Contractors

The primary purpose of discussing this matter is to look into possibly reinstating Business/Occupational Licenses in Sumter County in an effort to protect the citizens from unscrupulous contractors. The major complaints have been against landscaping contractors and water treatment services. It is the Board's desire to protect the citizens of Sumter County and consensus was to continue with efforts to educate the citizens on these issues.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.